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3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)**

The invention relates to a device for printing conical objects (5) comprising a printing member having one or a number of successive printing plates (25) or printing cloths (21), a driving mechanism for the printing member, one or more printing units (16) for applying printing ink and one or more counterpressure members on which the conical objects (5) are held and supported during printing, the surface of the printing member onto which printing plates or printing cloths are applied having at least the inner or outer surface of a circulare cone and such ratios being provided that the circumferential velocities of printing member and the conical object to be printed are identical or almost identical to one another on every point of the line of contact between them.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 B41F17/28

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 B41F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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